

**KENTUCKY TRANSPORTATION CABINET  
CONTRACT ID 05-2341  
JEFFERSON COUNTY  
056GR05P099 – FD04  
SOUND BARRIER WALL  
MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 13, 2005**

**CONTRACTORS ATTENDING:**

Nathan Hazelwood	Gohmann Asphalt
Scott Hayes & L.W. Patton	T & C Const. Inc
Tom Lowry	The Walker Co.
Tom Roberts & David Faulkner	Faulkner Construction
Allan Buckles	Certified Construction Co. of KY, LLC
Mark Ruth & Terry Thomas	The Ruth Company
Byron Ogger	Intech Contracting, LLC
Patrick Webber	Mac Construction& Excavating
Tom Wood	Pace Contracting, LLC
John Daugherty	Commercial Pavers, Inc.
Mike Hublar	American Contracting & Services Inc.

**OTHERS ATTENDING:**

Kevin Dant	KYTC/District 5/Environmental
Mohamad Abdol	KYTC/District 5/Design
Keith Downs	KYTC/District 5/Design
Greg Groves	KYTC/District 5/Preconstruction
Rob Harris	KYTC/District 5/Construction
Nasby Stroop	KYTC/Division of Construction
Ellen Briscoe	KYTC/District 5
Bernard Roach	KYTC/District 5/Construction
Kevin Bailey	KYTC/District 5/Construction
Diana Radcliffe	KYTC/Division of Maintenance
Charles Briggs	KYTC/Division of Maintenance

**MINUTES:**

Contractors were advised proposal was available on the Division of Contract Procurement's website.

Contractors were advised that statements and responses to questions made by the Department will be transcribed as minutes of the conference and made available to contractors prior to the bid letting. The written minutes will take precedence over any verbal comments made at the pre-bid conference. In case of discrepancy between the minutes and the official proposal, the minutes will govern.

Contractors were reminded the top elevation of the sound barrier wall was to be a minimum of 14 feet above the grade at the edge of the paved shoulder and would extend a minimum of 2 feet below the ground elevation at the base of the wall, with an average estimated height of 18 feet. The top of the wall is to be stair stepped rather than follow the ground contours. The only allowable foundation will be drilled shafts.

Allowable working hours and lane closures were discussed. Work hours and lane closures will be according to the Traffic Control Plan. Restricted hours for drilling (prohibited between 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.) will not be enforced on other work activities regardless of their noise levels. Allowable hours for lane closures shall be according to the proposal. There are no work hour restrictions on shoulder closures. Drums will be required for all lane and shoulder closures; cones will not be allowed. If workers or equipment are less than 10 feet from traffic, protection with truck mounted attenuators will be required.

Details for the opening in wall for fire hydrant access and the associated sign were questioned. Design is to be proposed by the wall manufacturer for the Engineer's approval at the time of construction. The size of the opening is intended to allow for passage of a fire hose through the wall; it is not intended for the opening to be large enough to allow passage of an officer or apparatus.

The Department will take possession of the Variable Message Boards upon completion of the work; the Department will not take possession of flashing arrows or truck mounted attenuators.

There is a bid item for removing and relocating an existing panel sign. Both the existing and proposed locations shown on the plans are approximate only; actual locations will be determined by the Engineer at the time of construction. If the new location is in the clear zone and not protected by guardrail, Type C post mountings will be required.

In addition to normal public and private utilities, there are Department owned service lines for traffic counting loops and roadway lighting. The Department is not a member of BUD, but will locate its underground facilities prior to or at the time of Construction; notify the Engineer sufficient time prior to beginning work at each work site to allow for the locations to be determined by the Department..

There was discussion about color and texture of the walls. Walls are to match the existing walls on the side of the Watterson Expressway opposite from the proposed walls. Walls are to be stained (not painted or masonry coated) in the field after construction, see page 20 in the proposal.

Contractors were advised that a proposed working schedule was to be submitted to the Engineer for approval ten working days prior to beginning work and that the Department would be responsible for public notification of the planned work.

Contractors were advised to submit questions after the pre-bid conference to the Director of the KYTC Division of Contract procurement.